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I believe the Draft Cleanup Plan isn't adequate in its current state to sufficiently recover the Willamette River Superfund Site. More than 65 known toxic chemicals are present throughout this stretch of river which pose serious chronic and acute health effects to humans, fish and wildlife. Please consider incorporating the following recommendations into the final plan. Doing so will help ensure the long-term health and safety for all those who depend on the Willamette River.

1) In general, I would like to see EPA adopt a more aggressive approach to remediation. Specifically, I recommend even more dredging to remove contaminated sediment from the Willamette River. The current plan proposes to remove sediment from less than 10 percent of the area -- that doesn't go far enough.

2) The Draft Cleanup Plan prescribes far too much "Monitored Natural Recovery" which in essence leaves polluted material in the river. Natural recovery is a "do nothing" approach and leaves known toxic substances locked in the river sediments or allows them to migrate downstream where their long-term impacts remain unknown. Please adopt a more active strategy and rely less on natural recovery.

3) The goal of the cleanup should be to end the Fish Consumption Advisory related to pollutants found in the Portland Harbor stretch of the Willamette River. I recommend that EPA provide a date by which the advisory will be lifted. Simply "relaxing" fish advisory limits doesn't fully protect those who rely on fish from the Willamette River for their continued survival.

4) Those who have liability for the PCBs, PAH, DDT and other pollutants now in the river sediments, must meet their community obligation to conduct a comprehensive and timely cleanup.